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SUBJECT: BEGIN'S VIEW OF THE U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP

REF: TEL AVIV 2170

WITH RESPECT TO THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH OF YOUR MESSAGE,
I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE STALWART EFFORT YOU HAVE MADE
IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH BEGIN TO PUT MY COMMENT ON
SETTLEMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF LONG-STANDING U.S. POLICY.
IT IS OF COURSE OUR HOPE THAT BEGIN CAN BE BROUGHT TO SEE
THAT I WAS NOT STATING SOMETHING NEW BUT MERELY REITERATING
WHAT HAS LONG BEEN FIRM U.S. POLICY. IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER,
IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ISSUE THE "CLARIFICATION" YOU
PROPOSE. QUITE CLEARLY IT WOULD BE INTERPRETED NOT ONLY
BY BEGIN BUT A WIDER AUDIENCE AS WELL AS A RETRACTION. IT
WOULD SUGGEST WE ARE PREPARED TO LIVE WITH SETTLEMENTS ONCE
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THEY ARE CREATED. WE OBVIOUSLY WANT TO AVOID ANY SUCH
IMPLICATION AND ARE BETTER SERVED IN MY VIEW BY LEAVING
MATTERS WHERE THEY STAND. VANCE

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